

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Pope Francis's prayer intention for July: For Pastoral Care of the Sick.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	21 st July Ints: Fr. A.Cogliolo (rec'd dec'd) MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners	Thursday 6 pm	25 th July NO MASS Exposition, Holy Hour.
Monday	22 nd July NO MASS	Friday 10 am	26 th July DAILY MASS Intentions: Pat McChrystal.
Tuesday	23 rd July NO MASS	Saturday 6 pm	27 th July VIGIL MASS Intentions: Mollie Howes.
Wednesday	24 th July NO MASS	Sunday 9 am	28 th July MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Jonathan Davison, Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, Isaac Iqba, Stuart Madden, Nina Noworyta, Steven Platts, Emily Small, Kathryn Smith, James Tanner, Jarek Tomaszewski, Kathleen Williams.

Marian Lamp. This Week the Marian Candle burns for a Special intention. Next week it burns for Terry Adamson & Ann Adamson.

A warm welcome to everyone. If you are new to the parish, please fill in a card and give it to Fr Bill. We shall be glad to visit you and make you as welcome as possible. The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No.234025

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Fr. Bill Writes

A big thanks to all who attended Pat McChrystal's Requiem on Thursday last, it was a great support for Frank and his family. Pat was so much part of our parish community in so many ways, and thanks to our Stewards and all who prepared the Church as well as Chris who served Pats Requiem Mass, your efforts were greatly appreciated as well as valued.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Denis Maher, who is celebrating our Masses, as Fr. Stephen is on a pilgrimage to Fatima, celebrating the third anniversary of his Priestly Ordination, we wish him well for his future ministry in the Shrewsbury diocese, as he readies himself for new pastures in the Bishop's summer appointments. Fr. Bill has been advised that by the end of July, parishioners of Holy Spirit/St. Bernadette's will know of the bishop's future pastoral arrangements for both parishes. The second weekend in September is the time when priests across the diocese take up their new appointments, so we pray that the Holy Spirit and St. Bernadette's will be welcoming a new Parish Priest that weekend, if not before.

Last week in our newsletter we recorded the death of Fr. Anthony Cogliolo who up until recently was Parish Priest of Sacred Heart & St. Teresa's Wilmslow. His Vigil Mass with the reception of his body will be on Monday July 22nd at 7 pm, with his Requiem at 12 noon on Tuesday July 23rd, both will be celebrated at Sacred Heart & St. Teresa. May Fr. Anthony rest in peace. He served the diocese in active ministry for fifty five years.

This week saw the end of the current academic year for most pupils, it is of course a time of change for many. Some pupils will have finished in their current school and will be moving on to secondary or third level education, which is a significant move for any pupil, so we ask parishioners to remember them in their prayers. The school holiday is a time when many families travel on holidays, sometimes overseas, so do make sure that if you are travelling, passports and other required paperwork are in order as especially since we opted out of the European Community, crossing in and out of the European Economic Zone can be challenging especially if you have not got the correct travel documents, or if they are in anyway out of date.

Anyone wishing to put a notice in the Parish Newsletter, please ensure it reaches the editor, Eric Broda by 6 pm on Wednesday evening, also ensure your notice is brief and to the point, it is a news sheet we are producing and not a weekly newspaper, the contact for Eric is: eric101068@gmail.com

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place at the end of this month, since Covid it has become a much reduced insular event, involving a small number of Pilgrims, led by a very small select group of diocesan clergy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Ephesians 2: 13-18 Mark 6: 30-34

The first reading this Sunday is from the prophet Jeremiah, where the Lord promises to shepherd his people, seeing that those he appointed as shepherds have failed to take care of God's People but have allowed them to be attacked and scattered among the nations. The Lord's message is reassuring, for those who are in exile, and feel insecure.

The second reading this weekend is from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Christ is the reconciliation sent by God to unite his people. Christ is the ultimate source of unity, for he is the reconciling power of God, at work within his believers restoring the unity that the Father wishes for, among his believers.

This Sunday's Gospel is again from St. Mark, where the Apostles return after a spell on their own preaching the Gospel, and it's obvious that they have taken on the popularity of Jesus. They have no time to rest or eat, Jesus affirms the importance of times of rest and renewal alone with him, if our testimony to him will lead to attracting others.